

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 16 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amend Claims 11, 12 and 15 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. to 10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A print service system comprising:

an acquiring unit adapted to acquire a designated type of print devices for printing a content based on a print order;

a first judging unit adapted to judge whether or not the print order for the content indicates color printing;

a determination unit adapted to determine whether to use a plurality of print devices having the designated type or a single print device having the designated type on printing the content in accordance with a judged result by said first judging unit, wherein said determination unit determines to use the plurality of print devices when said first judging means judges that the print order does not indicate color printing or to use the single print device when said first judging means judges that the print order indicates color printing; and

a print control unit adapted to control the printing of the content so as to generate a plurality of print jobs in a unit of page or copy for based on the print order, and assign the generated plurality of print jobs to a plurality of print devices having the [[a]]designated type matching with the print order, respectively, and print the content using the print order for the plurality of print devices, when said determination unit determines to use the plurality of print

~~devices, and first judging unit judges that the print order for the content does not indicate color printing, but so as to generate a single print job for based on the print order, and assign the generated single print job to a single print device selected from among a plurality of print devices having the [[a]]designated type matching with the print order, and print the content using the assigned single print device, when said determination unit determines to use the single print device~~ first judging unit judges that the print order for the content indicates color printing.

12. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 11, further comprising a second judging unit adapted to judge whether or not the print order is a reorder, wherein, when said second judging unit judges that the print order is a reorder, said acquiring unit acquires information identifying a print device used at a previous print order and said print control unit controls the printing of the content so as to generate a single print job for the print order, and assign the generated single print job to the print device identified by the acquired information ~~and print the content using the assigned print device.~~

13. and 14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) A print service method comprising the steps of:
acquiring a designated type of print devices for printing a content based on a print order;

judging whether or not the print order for the content indicates color printing;

determining whether to use a plurality of print devices having the designated type or a single print device having the designated type on printing the content in accordance with a judged result in said judging step, wherein, in said determining step, it is determined to use the plurality of print devices when it is judged in said judging step that the print order does not indicate color printing or to use the single print device when it is judged in said judging step that the print order indicates color printing; and

controlling the printing of the content so as to generate a plurality of print jobs in a unit of page or copy for based on the print order, and assign the generated plurality of print jobs to a plurality of print devices having the [[a]]designated type matching with the print order, respectively, and print the content using the assigned plurality of print devices, when it is determined judged in said determining judging step to use the plurality of print devices that the print order for the content does not indicate color printing, and [[but]]so as to generate a single print job for based on the print order, and assign the generated single print job to a single print device selected from among a plurality of print devices having the [[a]]designated type matching with the print order, and the content using the assigned single print device, when it is determined judged in said determining judging step to use the single print device that the print order for the content indicates color printing.

16. (Canceled)